

## **SIEC Briefing Paper on the term “Public Safety Services”**

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### **Description**

The Committee will review a definition of the term “Public Safety Services,” which has been drafted for the Committee’s consideration.

### **Recommendations to the Committee**

It is recommended that the Committee adopt a definition of “Public Safety Services” as a part of the first order of business.

### **Status**

When the SIEC legislation was codified, a group comprised primarily of representatives from SIEC member organizations (SIEC Pre-Planning Group) was formed for the purpose of creating the agenda for the first SIEC meeting. In an effort to assist the SIEC to define the scope of its responsibilities, a definition of “Public Safety Services” was drafted for the Committee’s consideration.

### **Issues**

None at this time.

### **Background**

The term “public safety” is perhaps one of the most often used phrases in the Post-911 era. It could be confined to something as specific as a police and fire department, however; the definition could also be expanded to include organizations such as a Neighborhood Watch group whose mission is the safety of a neighborhood, or the animal control officer, who is trying to capture the stray cat or dog. A mutually agreed-upon definition of “Public Safety Services” will allow the Committee to assess the scope of the SIEC efforts.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

***“For the purposes of the SIEC, Public Safety Services are services which protect and preserve life, health, property and natural resources that are provided by State, local or other government entities or by non-governmental organizations that are authorized by a government entity to provide such services.”***

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